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SUBJ: AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH MAHMOUD ABDEL KADER HAMZA,
EGYPTIAN PROJECT MANAGER FOR UNDP/ECA PROJECT TO INVOLVE
AFRICANNATIONS IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.
HAMZA NOTED HE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT ONLY ABOUT TWELVE AFRICAN
NATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING IN GENEVA MEETINGS. HE EXPLAINED THE
MAJOR GOALS OF HIS UNDP PROJECT ARE TO ENCOURAGE AFRICAN NATIONS
TO PARTICIPATE AND PRVIDE EXPERT ADVICE TO THOSE DELEGATIONS
IN ORDERTO ASSURE THAT CONFERENCE TAKES LDC INTERESTS INTO
ACCOUNT IN FORMULATION OF NEW TRADING SYSTEM. HE NOTED THAT
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ONEREASON MOST AFRICAN NATIONS ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IS THEY

CANNOT AFFORD EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING DELEGATION IN GENEVA. HAMZA IS UNDERTAKING SEVEN WEEK TOUR OF AFRICA TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER AFRICAN PARTICIPATION AND TO CONSULT WITH THOSE "MORE IMPORTANT AFRICAN NATIONS" ALREADY TAKING PART. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY UPON HIS RETURN TO ADDIS IN MID-NOVEMBER.

2. HAMZA SAID HE HAD PRESENTED REQUEST TO UNDP FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOREST AFRICAN NATIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO KEY SESSIONS OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE MIGHT APPROACH USG FOR ASSISTANCE IF UNDP IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT USG WOULD BE UNABLE TO FUND OTHER NATIONS' PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. AS MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO UNDP, WE MIGHT INDIRECTLY BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD DEPEND ON UNDP DECISIONS.

3. HAMZA ALSO RAISED ANOTHER SUBJECT OF PERSONAL CONCERN TO HIM. HE REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FOR NEWLY-CREATED POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN TRADE PROMOTION ORGANIZATIONS TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR DURING MEETING IN TANGIERS, HEADQUARTERS OF NEWLY-FORMED ORGANIZATION. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT USG POLICY WAS NOT TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS BUT RATHER TO LET AFRICANS SELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES. HAMZA ACCEPTED THIS EXPLANATION BUT LEFT COPY OF HIS CURRICULUM VITAE. HUMMEL

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